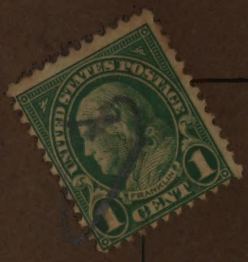

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Town Officers, 1927

Moderator
HARRY M. PRESCOTT

Clerk
ALICE J. NORTON

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
C. A. LEIGHTON LESLIE E. WHARFF
ERVIN T. GREEN

Treasurer
SUMNER L. HART

School Committee
CONEY PACKARD AGNES KING
NETTIE GREEN

Superintendent of Schools
C. L. SIDELINGER

Fence Viewers
RODNEY LEIGHTON IRVING PREBLE

Surveyors of Lumber
LESLIE W. KNOWLES DELMONT WESTON

Hearse Driver
W. H. HATHEWAY

Ballot Clerks
C. C. NORTON EVA HATHEWAY
CONEY PACKARD L. MAUDE PATTERSON

Road Commissioner
A. M. LEIGHTON

Fire Warden
E. A. JUDKINS

Mothers' Aid
ANNIE WESTON NETTIE GREEN
MAGGIE MERRILL

Surveyor of Wood and Bark
W. L. EARLEY

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRED M. HESCOCK

Sexton
SUMNER L. HART

Constables
WALTER L. ARNOLD SUMNER L. HART
WINNIE M. LUMBART

Dog Constable
SUMNER L. HART

Health Officer
HARRY M. PRESCOTT

Board of Health
HARRY M. PRESCOTT BURTON N. PACKARD

Pound Keeper
SUMNER L. HART

Tax Collector
WINNIE M. LUMBART

Attendance Officer
CONEY PACKARD

Field Driver
A. M. LEIGHTON

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens
I. W. TITCOMB BURTON N. PACKARD

Town Warrant

Piscataquis, ss.

To Sumner L. Hart, a Constable in the Town of Willimantic, County of Piscataquis and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Willimantic, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town hall in said town, on the nineteenth day of March 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year and see if the town will accept all town reports.

Art. 3. To choose three or more selectmen.

Art. 4. To choose three or more assessors.

Art. 5. To choose three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 7. To choose one or more school committee.

Art. 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose one or more fire wards, fix their compensation and raise a sum of money for same.

Art. 11. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, repair of roads and bridges and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will raise for support of schools.

Art. 15 To see how much money the town will raise for support of the poor.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for summer roads and bridges.

Art. 17. To see how much money the town will raise for winter roads.

Art. 18, To see how much money the town will raise for town charges.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of schoolhouses.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise for insurance and supplies.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for free high school.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for salary of Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial day services and flags.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay their school committee for the ensuing year, and how much.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to replenish the jury box.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 28. To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of the ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, or under the provisions of Section 21, Chapter 25,R. S. amended by Chapter 258, P. L. 1917.

Art. 29. To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise for cutting the bushes on the State Aid and Third Class road, under Chapter 145, P. L. 1927.

Art. 30. To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise for the maintenance of the Third Class road under Chapter 124, P. L. 1927.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for patrol maintenance, and how much, for the ensuing year.

Art. 32. To see if the town will elect one member of the municipal board of Mothers' Aid for a term of three years.

Art. 33. To see how many weeks of school the town will vote to have for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to instruct the municipal officers to hire money necessary to pay orders with until the taxes are paid for the ensuing year.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise, to be expended and used for advertising the resources, advantages, and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to have an auditor.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at town hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON
LESLIE E. WHARFF
ERVIN T. GREEN
Selectmen of Willimantic.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC
APRIL 1, 1927

Real estate, resident	$ 36,906 00	
Real estate, non-resident	126,473 00	
Total real estate		$163,379 00
Personal estate, resident	$15,282 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	105 00	
Total amount of personal estate		15,387 00
Grand total amount		$178,766 00
Total value of land	$132,664 00	
Total value of buildings	30,715 00	
		$163,379 00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	45	$71 67	$3,225 00
Cows	76	38 82	2,950 00
Oxen	3	53 34	160 00
Three year olds	7	37 43	262 00
Two year olds	10	32 00	320 00
Sheep	13	5 00	65 00
Swine	4	15 00	60 00
Poultry	60	50	30 00
			$7,072 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
One year old	14	20 71	290 00
Sheep	123	4 78	587 50
Swine	38	11 28	428 50
Poultry	624	50	315 50
			$1,621 50

Stock in trade, 4	$1,650 00
Small boats, 49	715 00
Automobiles, 44	4,685 00
Musical instruments, 11	800 00
Gasoline engines, 8	290 00
Tractors, 1	175 00
No. polls taxed, 57	171 00
No. polls exempt, 11	
Town property other than school buildings	1,720 00

Date of assessment, May 4, 1927.

No. of dogs, 23; rate of assessment, .043.

CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Support of schools	$1,000 00
Support of poor	275 00
Summer roads and bridges	1,700 00
Winter roads	600 00
Town charges	600 00
Repair of schoolhouses	350 00
Textbooks	50 00
Insurance and supplies	87 50
Free High school	250 00
Salary of Superintendent	170 00
Memorial services	6 00
Patrol maintenance	415 00

Advertising Maine	15 00	
Health nurse	25 00	
Graveling Cook Corner to Earley's	350 00	
Painting Town hall	125 00	
State Aid road	300 00	
		$ 6,318 50
State tax		$ 1,172 15
County tax		223 50
Overlay		143 79
		$ 7,857 94

TOWN CHARGES

Amount raised by town	$600 00	
Rent of town hall	24 00	
Tax on bank stock	13 80	
		$ 637 80
Received of Harry Chamberlain, cemetery lot		5 00
		$ 642 80
Overexpended in 1927		65 12
		$ 707 92

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS

Overexpended, 1926	$ 26 76
Clifford A. Leighton, selectman	100 00
Leslie E. Wharff, selectman	27 00
Ervin T. Green, selectman	30 00
Alice J. Norton, town clerk	5 00
Sumner L. Hart, treasurer, and porcupines	47 00
Winnie M. Lumbart, col. of taxes	100 00
Fred M. Hescock, sealer of weights and measures	5 50
C. C. Norton, ballot clerk	3 00
Coney Packard, ballot clerk	3 00

Alice J. Norton, election	3 00	
Coney Packard, school committee	10 00	
Agnes King, school committee	5 00	
Nettie Green, school committee	5 00	
Eva Hathaway, ballot clerk	3 00	
L. Maude Patterson, ballot clerk	3 00	
Sumner L. Hart, posting warrants	3 00	
C. C. Norton, Justice of the Peace	2 00	
Coney Packard, attendance officer	3 00	
C. A. Leighton, elections	3 00	
E. T. Green, elections	3 00	
L. E. Wharff, elections	3 00	
	———	$ 393 26

INCIDENTALS

Interest on money hired	$96 12	
Register Publishing Co., town reports	40 80	
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	17 09	
Geo. E. Howard & Co., insurance on town hall	17 50	
Alice J. Norton, cleaning hall, town meeting	2 00	
Adin Green, work on driveway No. 3 school	7 50	
Int. on Public School fund	47 25	
Sevey Prescott, work on driveway No. 3 school	25 00	
Adin Green, car hire to Assessors meeting	2 00	
C. A. Leighton, car hire to Assessors meeting	2 00	
Wilson Valley Grange, fuel, light, janitor 1927	12 00	
Sumner L. Hart, cutting grass in cemetery	10 00	

Sumner L. Hart, receipt book	1 00	
Dr. G. E. Dore, vital statistics	75	
C. A. Leighton, postage and telephone	2 15	
Sumner L. Hart, postage & stationery	5 00	
C. A. Leighton, looking after tramp	6 50	
Alice J. Norton, vital statistics	2 50	
Alice J. Norton, postage & telephone	4 50	
James H. Hudson, advice	13 00	
		$ 707 92

PAINTING TOWN HALL

Raised by town		$ 125 00
Unexpended		125 00

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Raised by town		$ 25 00
Unexpended		25 00

DEVELOPMENT OF MAINE

Raised by town		$ 15 00
Paid treasurer of state		15 00

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Raised by town	$6 00	
Unexpended	4 75	
		$ 10 75
Paid Leslie W. Knowles		7 00
Balance		$ 3 75

DOG LICENSE

Received of town clerk	$30 00	
Dog license refund	6 51	
State treasurer, damage to domestic animals	12 00	
		$ 48 51
Overexpended, 1926	$ 1 41	
Paid state treasurer	43 00	
Unexpended, 1927	4 10	
		$ 48 51

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised by town	$275 00	
Unexpended, 1926	2 21	
		$ 277 21
Overexpended, 1927		686 81
		$ 964 02

CARE OF ABBIE GENTHNER

W. F. King	$ 20 00	
Agnes King	200 00	
		$ 220 00

CARE OF JENNIE CHAMBERLAIN

Nettie Green	$ 4 00	
E. A. Judkins	16 00	
C. A. Leighton	14 00	
E. T. Green	16 00	
L. E. Harrington	25 00	
Matilda Chamberlain, board	30 00	
Dr. G. E. Dore	37 50	
C. A. Frost	3 00	
Dr. R. H. Marsh	37 00	
James H. Hudson, counsel	10 00	
		$ 192 50

HARRY CHAMBERLAIN CASE

Guilford hospital	$42 00	
Dr. F. L. Varney	65 00	
Dr. G. E. Dore	25 00	
		$132 00

ALONZO HUNT CASE

Winnie M. Lumbart, potatoes	$ 2 00
C. A. Leighton, wood, potatoes, labor	109 91
Louise Fifield, groceries	116 29
H. Douglass & Co., groceries	85 14
Herbert King, moving family	7 00

W. L. Earley, groceries	5 64	
Adin Green, assistance	4 00	
B. M. Packard & Son, groceries	12 13	
S. A. Anderson, potatoes	1 75	
F. H. Palmer, bbl. flour	8 75	
E. T. Green, wood	38 50	
H. S. Goodell, potatoes	1 00	
Harry Daw, groceries	27 41	
		$ 419 52
Abbie Genthner		220 00
Jennie Chamberlain		192 50
Harry Chamberlain		132 00
		$964 02

TOWN PROPERTY

2 road machines	$150 00	
Town hall	700 00	
Hearse	500 00	
Wheel scraper	35 00	
Snow roller	125 00	
Snow plow	25 00	
Store house	75 00	
Piano	50 00	
Road plow	50 00	
Bail scraper	10 00	
		$ 1,720 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Grange stable	$ 8 60	
H. W. Frost, real estate	4 98	
J. Henry Leavitt, real estate	15 14	
Henry Robbins, poll, paid in Monson	3 00	
Harry Thayer, cottage, moved to Dover-Foxcroft	4 73	
		$ 36 45

OUTSTANDING BILLS

School fund, town of Willimantic	$787 50	
Town order outstanding	375 00	
		$ 1,162 50

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	$ 9 50	
Porcupines, 1928	26 50	
Support of Hunt family	419 52	
Due from I. F. Chamberlain estate	488 74	
Harriet Balcom and Ethel Sargent, uncollected taxes	48 10	
B. M. Packard, uncollected taxes	6 45	
		$ 999 81

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
ERVIN T. GREEN,
Selectmen of Willimantic.

Report of Foreman of State Aid and Third Class Road

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Accepted by state	$ 300 00	
State fund	1,050 00	
Unexpended balance	92	
Joint fund		$ 1,350 92
4-5 of joint fund expended on State aid road No. 2, from Goodell bridge to Cook's Corner		$ 1,080 74
Penn Metal Co.,culvert and railing	$96 73	
C. A. Leighton	16 00	
L. G. Patterson	48 00	
S. A. Anderson	45 00	
Rodney Leighton	16 50	
Irving Preble	19 50	
Valentine Taylor	24 00	
E. T. Green	7 50	
Adin Green	7 50	
C. A. Leighton	8 00	
Guy Leighton	48 00	
Adin Green	16 50	
E. T. Green	16 50	
S. A. Anderson	33 00	
L. G. Patterson	60 00	
S. A. Anderson	36 00	
Rodney Leighton	34 50	
E. T. Green	18 00	
Adin Green	13 50	

C. A. Leighton	7 00	
H. S. Goodell, gravel	35 40	
Irving Preble	36 00	
L. G. Patterson	9 75	
Valentine Taylor	34 50	
Guy Leighton	16 50	
C. A. Leighton	84 00	
Guy Leighton	15 00	
Irving Preble	17 25	
C. A. Leighton	38 00	
Guy Leighton, posts for railing	16 38	
Penn Metal Co., wire guard rail	96 04	
C. A. Leighton, dynamite, caps, fuse	7 00	
Ivan Leighton	5 25	
C. A. Leighton	9 75	
Cost for inspection	14 78	
Unexpended, 1927	73 41	
	——	$ 1,080 74

THIRD-CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

State apportionment for 1927	$527 96	
Unexpended, 1926	1 11	
	——	
Joint fund for 1927		$ 529 07
Overexpended, 1927		61
		$ 529 68
Leslie E. Wharff	36 00	
C. A. Leighton	84 00	
L. G. Patterson	36 00	
S. A. Anderson	33 00	
Lynwood Leighton, dynamite	4 75	
Ivan Leighton	15 00	
A. M. Leighton	50 00	
C. A. Leighton	59 00	
S. A. Anderson	15 00	
Rodney Leighton	51 00	

L. G. Patterson	15 00	
L. G. Patterson	12 00	
Rodney Leighton	12 00	
S. A. Anderson	3 00	
C. A. Leighton	40 50	
A. M. Leighton	40 00	
Ivan Leighton	12 00	
C. A. Leighton	2 50	
C. A. Leighton	3 00	
Cost of inspection	5 93	
		$ 529 68

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON, Foreman.

Road Commissioner's Report

Amount raised by town, summer	$1,700 00	
Unexpended, 1926	22 74	
Total money		$ 1,722 74
Transferred to Earley to Cook's Corner road	$ 33 95	
Transferred to 50-50	96 00	
Burton N. Packard	8 00	
Ivan Leighton	12 00	
D. C. Weston, plank	14 04	
Elwood Weston	18 00	
Berger Mfg. Co.	218 74	
A. M. Leighton	39 90	
Ivan Leighton	9 00	
Ivan Leighton	6 75	
C. A. Leighton	6 00	
Ivan Leighton	12 00	
Adin Green	6 00	
Adin Green	5 25	
Ivan Leighton	18 08	
S. A. Anderson	30 00	
L. G. Patterson	30 00	
C. A. Leighton	30 00	
Rodney Leighton	10 50	
Adin Green	12 00	
E. T. Green	12 00	
Ivan Leighton	10 50	
A. M. Leighton	226 88	
Hugh Gourley	9 00	

J. R. Arnold	13 50
Lydia Patterson, gravel	12 40
Elwood Weston	17 36
Adin Green	1 50
E. T. Green	1 50
Ivan Leighton	16 50
Adin Green	4 50
C. A. Leighton	32 00
C. A. Frost	4 50
Ivan Leighton	24 75
C. A. Leighton	17 50
Adin Green	9 75
C. A. Leighton	14 00
L. G. Patterson, gravel	27 50
L. G. Patterson	6 00
Elwood Weston	9 50
A. M. Leighton	194 50
R. V. Weston	3 00
H. S. Goodell, gravel	2 00
Ivan Leighton	15 00
Adin Green	4 50
E. T. Green	13 50
L. G. Patterson, gravel	22 60
Elwood Weston	9 00
Hugh Gourley	1 50
Jesse Arnold	9 00
Sevey Prescott	30 00
C. A. Leighton	21 00
E. T. Green	15 00
Adin Green	15 00
A. M. Leighton	116 00
Ivan Leighton	28 50
Jesse Arnold	3 00
L. G. Patterson, gravel	2 10
W. L. Earley	24 00
John Scales & Sons, spades	6 60
Caleb Leavitt	4 50

Ivory Titcomb	12 00	
D. C. Weston	6 00	
Elwood Weston	12 16	
Unexpended, 1927	64 93	
		$1,722 74

WINTER ROADS

Raised by town, 1927	$600 00	
Overexpended, 1926	234 59	
		$ 365 41

SPRING, 1927

Coney Packard	$32 50	
S. A. Anderson	32 50	
C. A. Leighton	14 62	
L. G. Patterson,	14 62	
		$ 94 24

WINTER, 1927

S. A. Anderson	$32 50	
Coney Packard	19 50	
L. G. Patterson	32 50	
Coney Packard	19 50	
Harry Chamberlain	19 50	
Hart Bros.	6 50	
		$ 224 24
Unexpended, 1927		141 17
		$ 365 41

COOK'S CORNER TO EARLEY'S

Amount raised by town	$350 00	
Transferred from summer money	33 95	
		$ 353 15
Adin Green	$ 6 00	
Ervin Judkins	12 00	
Rodney Leighton	6 00	
Adin Green	21 00	
E. T. Green	22 50	
Ivan Leighton	27 00	

Adin Green	6 00	
E. T. Green	6 00	
C. A. Leighton	64 50	
Ivan Leighton	5 25	
A. M. Leighton	123 55	
Hugh Gourley	13 50	
Lydia Patterson, gravel	21 60	
Rodney Leighton	6 00	
Elwood Weston	12 25	
		$ 353 15

50-50 ROAD ACCOUNT

Transferred from summer road money	$96 00	
Received from state	50 00	
		$ 146 00
C. A. Leighton	$ 6 00	
Adin Green	4 50	
Ivan Leighton	7 50	
L. G. Patterson	27 00	
S. A. Anderson	18 00	
H. S. Goodell	2 50	
A. M. Leighton	53 50	
C. A. Leighton	27 00	
		$ 146 00

PATROL MAINTENANCE

Raised by town	$415 00	
Unexpended 1926	3 40	
		$ 418 40
Expended		392 40
Unexpended balance 1927		$ 26 00

A. M. LEIGHTON,
Road Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

1927		
Feb. 19, Check acct. Guilford Trust Co.	$ 309	79
Cash		01
Mar. 29, Mrs. A. D. Stilson, cemetery trust fund	25	00
Florence M. Jackson, cemetery trust fund	25	00
Apr. 15, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000	00
May 16, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000	00
Aug. 30, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000	00
Sept. 17, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000	00
State Treas., soldier pensions	96	00
State Treas., tax on bank stock	13	80
State Treas., 50-50 road money	50	00
State Treas., dog license refund	6	51
State Treas., state school fund	860	86
State Treas., improved state road	692	55
State Treas., 3rd class road	523	14
State Treas., damage to domestic animals	12	00
State Treas., porcupine bounty	35	00
Error in porcupine bounty	8	50
Guilford Trust Co., int. on cemetery trust fund	2	00
Harry Chamberlain, cemetery lot	5	00

Alice J. Norton, town clerk, dog tax	30 00	
Est. of Ivory Chamberlain	70 50	
Rent of town hall	24 00	
Int. on Public School fund	87 94	
Taxes 1927	7,806 40	
S. L. Hart	375 00	
	——————$	15,059 00

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May 2, Deposited Savings Dept., Guilford Trust Co., cemetery fund of Mrs. A. D. Stilson	$ 25 00	
June 30, Florence M. Jackson	25 00	
State Treas., dog tax	43 00	
County tax	223 50	
State Treas., patrol maintenance	392 40	
State Treas., State tax	1,172 15	
Int. on money hired to pay town orders	96 12	
Bounty on porcupines 1927	43 50	
Bounty on porcupines 1928	26 50	
Soldiers pensions	96 00	
Orders paid	12,906 33	
Check acct. and cash	9 50	
	——————$	15,059 00

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

March1, 1928	Notes at Int.	
Town of Willimantic	$787 50	
U. S. Liberty bonds	500 00	
Verdell A. Leighton	282 06	
State Trust Co.	62 50	
	$	1,632 06

Interest collected March 1, 1927 to March 1, 1928

State Trust Co.	$ 2 52	
U. S. Liberty bonds	21 25	
Verdell A. Leighton	16 92	
Town of Willimantic	47 25	
	$	87 94
Transferred to common school fund		87 94

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUST FUND FOR 1927

	Amt. fund	Int.	Exp.	Unexp.
Ann Hathaway	$100 00	$1 50	$1 50	
Mr. A. D. Stilson	25 00	50	50	
Florence M. Jackson	25 00	33		33

SUMNER L. HART,
Treasurer of Willimantic.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC 1927-1928

March 19. Clifford Alton, son of Clifford A. and Myrtle A. Leighton.

March 27. Madeline Laverna, daughter of Burton and Evelina Knowles.

April 10. Beatrice Madeline, daughter of Guy and Grethel M. Leighton.

June 11. daughter of Elwood I. and Grace Weston

Sept 24. Robert Arthur, son of John and Helen L. Leavitt.

Feb. 1, 1928. Eila Blanch, daughter of Coney E. and Mildred A. Packard.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC 1927-1928

Oct. 1. Clyde Lendall Leighton and Lelia May Dudley.

Jan. 1, 1928. Lynwood Lee Leighton and Ella Elizabeth Preble.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILLIMANTIC 1927

Feb. 23. Nellie M. Leighton, age 26 years, 4 months and 27 days.

No. dogs licensed, 23, $31 00

ALICE J. NORTON, Town Clerk.

Report of School Officials

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Willimantic:

I submit herewith my eighth annual report as superintendent of your schools. One of the reasons for making a report of this type is to give the necessary information about school progress, plans and funds to enable the voters to form reasonable ideas of the amounts of money needed for the different school purposes.

School costs are mounting upward year by year. This makes it necessary for the superintendent of schools and his committees to study the situation and to make each dollar bring its full hundred cents worth of service and material, to find ways to use the available money for the most important things and to cut down if possible those expenditures which are secondary in importance. The first interest, however, is to give the children the best possible advantages.

There is available from the state an equalization fund to assist towns having high municipal and school tax rates. The rates for this year and upon which this fund is based are

Municipal rate	.0460
School rate	.0117

All towns having higher rates than these will share in the equalization fund to be distributed in December, 1928. The rates for Willimantic for this year are

Municipal rate	.0430
School rate	.0075

SCHOOL PROGRESS

School officials are looking forward to a trained teacher for every group of children in the state within a few years. Whenever it becomes possible to have a trained teacher for every group of children, then the country school should be as good as the schools of the village or city. The surroundings are wholesome and the children are anxious for the best leadership that can be brought to them.

The town is now maintaining three schools for the maximum number of weeks required by law. We are securing for the schools as good teachers as can be had for the wages being paid. There are forty-one children now enrolled in the three schools, and they seem to be making very good progress in the subject matter making up the program. However, it is to be expected that much better work could be done under the direction of well-trained and experienced teachers. Perhaps such teachers can be had only by your school officials being in a position to retain any teacher, year after year, who has been doing excellent work in the schools. The people should not think they had done their best for the children till they had teachers who could not only teach the subject matter making up the program, but would also understand child nature and how to train those finer elements that tend to the building of character. A well trained teacher will be able find the special interests of children and guide them into wholesome and beneficial activities.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Under the new law for payment of high school tuition, very likely the town will have to pay thirty dollars a term or ninety dollars a year for each pupil. In case the tuition for a pupil is ninety dollars, the state pays back to the town sixty dollars. You will see by examining the statement for the high school account that

the account has been overdrawn this year. It would seem that the town must raise more money for high high school tuition for this next year.

The following is a list of the pupils attending high school and the number of terms for which tuition has been paid:

Higgins Classical Institute: Merton Weston for three terms, Drummond Earley for two terms, Kathleen and Hildred Earley for one term each. East Maine Conference Seminary: Bruce Packard for three terms, Opal Merrill for three terms, Ella Preble for three terms, Manfred Knowles for three terms, Grace Titcomb for one term. Guilford High school: Kathleen and Hildred Earley for two terms each, Drummond Earley for one term. Monson Academy: Hannah Prescott for one term.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Statements of receipts and expenditures for the several school purposes for the year just closing follows in this report. An inspection of these items will show the expenditures for each of the several school items. The account for school textbooks and that for school repairs have been overdrawn.

The school budget submitted as a part of this report is a statement of the school funds needed for the ensuing year to enable the school officials to continue the schools under the present conditions. The amounts suggested will not supply funds for securing better trained teachers or for purchasing additional school equipment.

It will be necesary to raise money at this meeting to renew the insurance on the Number One school building and on the Number Two school building. At present the amount of insurance on the Number One building is five hundred dollars and the amount on the Number Two building is eight hundred dollars. It almost

seems that there should be one thousand dollars of insurance on the Number Two school building, and I am suggesting an appropriation for that amount.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

The principal repairs made during the year have been at the Number Two school building. The work includes new floors for the rooms and two new outside doors.

A small sum of money is usually needed each year for the general upkeep of the school buildings. If any special improvements on buildings are planned then an additional sum for school repairs should be raised.

ESTIMATES OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1928-1929

Expenditures from Common School Account:		
Teachers' wages	$2,000 00	
Fuel account	175 00	
Janitor services and supplies	175 00	
		$ 2,350 00
Funds now available		$ 1,250 00
Suggested appropriations:		
Common schools	$1,100 00	
High school tuition	350 00	
Free textbooks	60 00	
School supplies	60 00	
School insurance	56 25	
School repairs, including overdraft	350 00	
Superintendent of schools, salary	170 00	

The advancement made during these last few years leads us to believe that the schools of the country will continue to improve and that greater cooperation will be secured, looking to the ultimate end that the schools may serve to the highest degree the welfare of the gen-

eration. Let us then make every effort to improve your schools and try to make them as good as any country school can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 23, 1928.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1927-1928

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1926	$1,183 34	
Raised by town	1,000 00	
State school fund	540 86	
Interest	87 94	
		$ 2,812 14

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:		
Maizie O. Campbell	$756 00	
Mary G. Leighton	234 00	
Beulah F. Crafts	414 00	
Marjorie D. Towne	225 00	
		$ 1,629 00
Fuel for schools:		
D. C. Weston	$167 37	
Ralph Weston, labor	3 50	
Clarence Cook, labor	2 00	
Coney Packard, labor	3 00	
Hugh Gourley, labor	1 00	
Agnes King, kindling	1 00	
		$ 177 87
Janitor services and supplies:		
Janitor services	$70 00	
Janitor supplies	4 95	
Cleaning buildings	31 00	
		$ 105 95

Transportation:		
Winnie Lumbart	$268 50	
H. S. Goodell	10 00	
		$ 278 50
Unexpended, 1927-1928		860 82
		$ 2,812 14

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended	$140 22	
Raised by town	250 00	
State school fund	320 00	
Overdraft, 1927	21 03	
		$ 731 25

Expenditures

Higgins Classical Institute	$210 00	
East Maine Conference Seminary	390 00	
Town of Guilford	101 25	
Monson Academy	30 00	
		$ 731 25

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Raised by town, 1927	$50 00	
Overdraft, 1927	3 75	
		$ 53 75

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1926-1927	$13 68	
Textbooks, 1927	40 07	
		$ 53 75

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1926	$11 05	
Raised by town	50 00	
		$ 61 05

Expenditures

For supplies purchased	$54 37	
Unexpended 1927	6 68	
		$ 61 05

SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Raised by town		$ 37 50
Pald Geo. E. Howard		$ 37 50

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Raised by town	$350 00	
Overdraft 1927	140 89	
		$ 490 89

Expenditures

Overdraft 1926	$241 02	
J. J. Folsom	115 38	
L. T. Chase	104 65	
E. E. Cousins & Co.	10 19	
G. P. Pullen	15 90	
H. W. Frost	3 75	
		$ 490 89

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Raised by town		$ 170 00

Expenditures

Overdraft 1926	$ 5 14	
C. L. Sidelinger, salary	162 00	
Unexpended 1927	2 86	
		$ 170 00

Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.